

EQC Offers Input on Kentucky Energy Policy



Governor Ernie Fletcher has charged a task force with the development of a state Energy Policy that will maintain Kentucky's low energy costs, develop the state's energy resources and preserve its environmental quality. The eight-member Commonwealth Energy Policy Task Force held three public meetings in November to seek public input into a state energy policy. The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission joined with energy, consumer and public interest groups to offer its views on a Kentucky Energy Policy at a public meeting held by the task force on Nov. 12 in Lexington.

At the meeting and in its subsequent comments, EQC noted that Kentucky can be a national energy leader both in terms of promoting a diverse and sustainable energy supply while ensuring a clean and healthy environment. The commission expressed its support for a Kentucky Energy Policy that:

- Embraces social and environmental responsibility.
- Fully considers the linkages between energy development, environmental quality and public health.
- Strives for continuous improvement to the environment and quality of life.
- Supports increased use of renewable energy sources.
- Promotes energy efficiency and energy conservation.
- Invests in clean energy research and technology.
- Engages the public in a proactive and constructive manner.

The commission offered the following opportunities to balance environmental concerns with responsible energy development.

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EQC Reviews 2004 Accomplishments, Sets 2005 Agenda

EQC 2004 Highlights

Participatory Government – More than 500 Kentuckians participated in EQC meetings, forums and events during 2004.

Public Policy – EQC made 16 policy and 21 regulatory recommendations in 2004.

Public Outreach – EQC reached an estimated 108,000 people through its newsletters and web site.

Information – EQC produced the state's first trends analysis on children's health and the environment.

Each year the Environmental Quality Commission reviews its previous year activities and sets new year goals and priorities. The commission met on Nov. 16 to reflect on its accomplishments and set a 2005 agenda to support the commission's mandate to:

Serve as a working public forum for the exchange of views, concerns, ideas, information, and recommendations related to the quality of the natural environment.

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Power Plant to Be Built in Trimble County



Governor Ernie Fletcher and Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Gene Strong, along with officials of LG&E Energy LLC, announced the company's plans to build a \$1.2 billion advanced super critical coal-fired power plant at the existing generating station located in Trimble County. The new unit will consist of one advanced super critical coal boiler, associated control equipment and new fly ash handling equipment having a nominal power output of 750 megawatts. Current plans call for construction to begin during 2006 and conclude by spring 2010.

This new plant is slated to have the most technologically advanced equipment and when completed, it will be the cleanest plant of its kind in Kentucky. LG&E Energy owns and operates Louisville Gas and Electric Company, a regulated utility that serves 312,000 natural gas and 384,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties, and Kentucky Utilities Company, a regulated electric utility in Lexington, Ky., that serves 512,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia.

State Proposes to End Northern Kentucky Vehicle Testing Program



Senate Joint Resolution 3 instructed the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC) to explore methods to eliminate the vehicle emissions testing (VET) program in Northern Kentucky. The region began a vehicle emissions testing program in September 1999 to help meet the 1-hour ozone standard. Ozone, commonly called smog, is formed when emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from automobile exhaust, gas vapors, solvents, paints and other pollutants react in the presence of sunlight. High levels of ground level ozone can aggravate respiratory problems and stress the heart. In 2002, Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties were redesignated as attainment for the 1-hour ozone standard by the U.S. EPA after three years of compliance with the ozone standard. However, the region is now listed in noncompliance with a more protective 8-hour ozone standard.

In order to eliminate the VET program, the EPPC must propose alternative methods to reduce emissions of VOC and NOx that will at least equal reductions being achieved by the VET program. The cabinet has proposed two regulations to provide the necessary reductions.

- 401 KAR 59:185. New Solvent Metal Cleaning Equipment to require the use of VOC solvents with lower vapor pressures at facilities conducting cold bath cleaning operations.

- 401 KAR 59:760. Commercial Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Refinishing Operations to require high efficiency paint and coating application techniques at commercial automobile repair body shops and proper handling procedures for VOC-containing materials at these facilities.

The EPPC will conduct a **public hearing on December 22** at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District, 22 Spiral Drive, Florence. This hearing is being held to receive comments on the proposed regulation 401 KAR 59:760 and revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) in order to end the Northern Kentucky VET program. For more information contact John Lyons, (502) 5673-5582 or visit http://www.air.ky.gov/homepage_repository/Public+Hearings.htm

Watershed Restoration Funds Available

Grants totaling \$3.5 million are available for watershed restoration projects as well as for other projects to help mitigate or prevent rainwater runoff pollution. Runoff pollution, also known as nonpoint source pollution, is the No. 1 contributor to water pollution in Kentucky, accounting for nearly two-thirds of the impaired rivers, streams and lakes in the state. To find out how to apply for grant funds, visit the Kentucky Division of Water Web site at <http://www.water.ky.gov/>.

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Jan. 3-4 - 2005 Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show. Holiday Inn North, Lexington. Highlights of this year's meeting will be sessions on Commercial Fruit and Vegetable Production, Tree Fruit Integrated Pest Management, Produce Marketing, Greenhouses, Woody Cut Stems, Heirloom Vegetable and Specialty Crops, Food Safety, Farmers' Markets, Organic Farming and Gardening, and the Grape and Wine Short Course.

For more information visit <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/finalprogram04.pdf>

Jan. 11-12 - Kentucky Rural Water Association water and wastewater training sessions. Treatment and Distribution Optimization/Maintaining Safety and Consumer Confidence; Safety Issues, Laboratory Procedures, Regulations, and Process Control. Bardstown Days Inn. Register at www.krwa.org or call (270) 843-2291.

Feb. 2-3 - Kentucky Rural Water Association water training session. Drinking Water Technology and Compliance and The Kentucky Small Drinking Water System Peer Review Program. The Center for Rural Development, Somerset. Register on-line at www.krwa.org or call (270) 843-2291.

Feb. 6-11 - The U.S. Air Force 2005 Environmental Training Symposium. International Conference Center, Louisville. More than 2,000 attendees will attend the symposium, which provides worker and management-level training to ESOH professionals on over 420 class sessions. Firms from throughout the world will exhibit state-of-the-art environmental products and technologies. Contact: (757) 764-9775 or e-Mail: sympo@langley.af.mil or see <http://www.esympo.com/home.asp>

Feb. 8 - Second Annual Kentucky Biodiesel Showcase, Capital Plaza Holiday Inn, Frankfort. Contact: John Davies. (502) 564-7192 or in KY (800) 282-0868 or e-mail: John.Davies@ky.gov

Feb. 8-9 - 2005 Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Conference. Louisville Marriott East. The National Arbor day Foundation will present two full-day seminars, *Tree Planting and Establishment* and *Trees, People, and the Law*. See National Arbor Day Foundation web site at www.arborday.org/KYconference

Feb. 14-16 - Kentucky Rural Water Association 2005 Management Conference. Sloan Convention Center, Bowling Green. Register at www.krwa.org or call (270) 843-2291.

Jan 15 - Licking River Watershed Watch. Licking River Watershed Wide Conference at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park on the Licking River. The day-long session, which includes discussions on reducing threats to the Licking River and a review of watershed watch accomplishments, will be followed by a statewide watershed coordination meeting Saturday evening and a Kentucky Waterways Alliance meeting on Sunday. For information and reservations email info@lickingriver.org or call 1-800-928-0045 Ext 473.



EQC Earth Day Awards to Celebrate Sustainable Communities in Kentucky

EQC has joined with the Kentucky League of Cities to recognize 10 examples of sustainable community development in Kentucky. The purpose of the 2005 Earth Day Award program is to recognize cities and counties that support job growth, environmental stewardship and

social equity — the three pillars of sustainable communities.

Examples of projects/programs/initiatives open for consideration of an award include the following:

- ♦ Cooperative community efforts in land preservation, sustainable agriculture, growth management, appropriate development of rural resources, improved trading and tourism and development of low-impact regional planning and transportation systems.
- ♦ Planning and development initiatives that retain a community's unique cultural and natural heritage.
- ♦ Local development initiatives that target economically healthy businesses and industries with minimal environmental impact while also supporting the reduction or elimination of negative impacts from existing industries.

For more information about the awards and application instructions visit www.eqc.ky.gov. Applications are due by March 15, 2005.

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PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS - PERMITS

This is not an official listing. Contact the various divisions for information about these permits and other public notices

[Ky. Division of Water - KPDES Water Discharge Notices/Hearings](#)



Contact Ann Workman, (502) 564-3410 or see <http://www.water.ky.gov/publicassistance/notices>

•**U.S. Corps of Engineers - Wolf Creek Power Plant**, Jamestown (Russell Co.). KPDES No. KY0020672. This permit action involves an existing source discharge of wastewaters from spillway and equipment, non-contact cooling water and sanitary wastewater from a hydroelectric generating station that enters the Cumberland River at mile point 460.8.

[Ky. Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Notices/Hearings](#)



Contact: Ron Gruzesky, (502) 564-6716, or see <http://www.waste.ky.gov/news>

•**Weyerhaeuser Company** - Hawesvilles, (Russell Co.). Draft construction/operation permit to vertically expand the residual landfill and modify the design of its final cap. This vertical expansion would increase the life of the landfill more than two years.

[Ky. Division for Air Quality Permit Notices](#)



Contact: James Morse, (502) 573-3382 or see http://www.air.ky.gov/homepage_repository/Public+Notices.htm

•**Aristech Acrylics LLC**, Florence (Boone Co.). Permit to construct/operate a monomer reclaim system. The plant is classified as a Title V major source due to its emissions of hazardous air pollutants. Construction authorized by this significant revision will increase potential emissions of methyl methacrylate by nine tons per year.

•**Lafarge North America**, Silver Grove, (Campbell Co.). Renewal of permit to operate a synthetic gypsum wallboard forming facility. The plant is classified as a Title V major source due to its emissions of carbon monoxide and particulate matter.

•**Catlettsburg Refining, LLC**, a subsidiary of Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, Catlettsburg (Boyd Co.). Permit application for installation of a kerosene desulfurization unit. Applicability of PSD regulations is not triggered for this project because no significant net emissions increase will result.

•**Owensboro Paving Company**, Owensboro (Davies Co.). Permit to construct and operate an asphalt plant at 5001 Highway 60 East. This permit contains practically enforceable limitations to restrict this source's potential emissions to less than major source thresholds. Construction authorized by this permit will increase potential emissions of PM₁₀ by 30.05 tons per year.

•**Owl's Head Alloys**, Bowling Green (Warren Co.). Permit to construct and operate additional equipment at its secondary aluminum processing facility. The plant is classified as a Title V source due to its potential emissions of criteria and hazardous air pollutants.

FEDERAL NOTICES/INFORMATION

Daniel Boone National Forest - Red River Gorge Trailhead Improvement Project - Comment on proposed project to replace toilets and reconstruct parking areas. Comments due 12/27/04. Contact: Joy Malone at (606) 663-2852 or e-mail comments-southern-daniel-boone-stanton@fs.fed.us

Daniel Boone National Forest - Cliffline Protection and Restoration Project - Comment on proposed project to rehabilitate high use areas along Military Wall, a popular rock climbing area in the Red River George Geological Area. Contact: Kathryn Huie (606) 663-2852 or e-mail khuie@fs.fed.us.

Daniel Boone National Forest - Red River Gorge - Limits of Acceptable Change. Workshops to focus on indicators of resource and social conditions. Jan. 18 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Clark County Extension Office Winchester. Feb. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Powell County Lions Club, Stanton. For more information visit www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/lac

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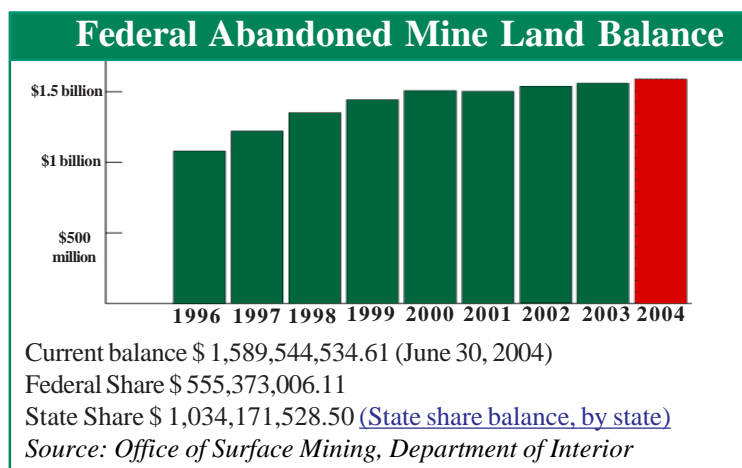
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Reporting on environmental trends, conditions and issues of concern in Kentucky

Abandoned Mine Land Program

Abandoned Mine Land Program Extended Until June 2005

The federal program to clean up abandoned coal mines will continue through at least June 30, 2005 under a continuing resolution passed by Congress. The program to clean up old mine sites was set to expire on Sept. 20, 2004. The Abandoned Mine Land program finances the restoration and reclamation of abandoned mine sites through grants provided to states. Funds for the AML grants come from fees paid by coal producers at the rate of 35 cents per ton of surface-mined coal and 15 cents per ton of coal that is mined underground. From January 30, 1978, when the first fees were paid, through June 30, 2004, the fund has collected \$7,013,239,421 and fund appropriations totaled \$5.49 million.¹



Kentucky Addresses 745 Problem Sites

Since 1978, the Kentucky AML program has completed 745 reclamation projects reclaiming over 1,800 open mine portals, 2000 acres of dangerous landslides, 43 miles of polluted streams, 33,000 feet of unstable highwall, 300 acres of mine fires and many other hazards created by old mines. During that time, the OSM federal reclamation program has conducted more than 1200 emergency projects at a cost of \$130 million in Kentucky.²

77 Water Lines Provide Water to 9300 Homes and Businesses

The Kentucky AML program expends 30 percent of each annual grant to also fund waterlines into areas where past mining has adversely impacted groundwater, rendering it unfit for consumption. Approximately a quarter of a million coalfield residents rely on groundwater as their primary drinking water source. To date Kentucky has completed 77 waterline projects providing clean, potable water to 9300 Kentucky households and businesses. The people served by these waterlines are generally in remote, rural areas that local water districts cannot afford to serve. The AML waterline program has been the only hope for those residents to receive a source of potable water. Fresh drinking water, free from contamination caused by mining, is a basic necessity that all citizens have a right to expect. Currently, Kentucky has a \$15 million backlog of waterline projects waiting for construction funding.³

Over the life of the AML program, Kentucky coal operators have paid more than \$875 million into the AML Trust Fund. Fifty percent of that amount, \$437.6 million, is assigned to Kentucky's state share. To date, Kentucky has received \$317 million from its state share through annual grants, leaving a balance in Kentucky's state share account of over \$120 million. This unappropriated balance is part of the larger AML Trust Fund balance of \$1.5 billion. Kentucky officials have expressed support for extension of the AML Fund until 2019.⁴

Footnotes: (1) Office of Surface Mining, Department of Interior. (2,3,4) Mr. Steve Hohmann, Director, Division of Abandoned Mine Lands, Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement, State of Kentucky - Testimony before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, March 11, 2004.

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Promoting Integrated Approaches to Decision-Making

Energy development is an important economic opportunity for Kentucky. The key to making sound and sustainable decisions on energy development is to fully understand the linkages between energy extraction, generation and use and effects on the environment and public health.

Economic benefits must be fully considered with the environmental tradeoffs in energy development decisions. The Kentucky Energy Policy should be proactive in its approach to energy development, working to prevent environmental problems from occurring.

Promoting proactive strategies will require a reshaping of the decision-making process to provide for a more integrated approach through interdisciplinary and interagency knowledge sharing. Kentucky's Energy Policy should provide mechanisms to support interaction and coordination among development and public protection agencies when evaluating the appropriateness of energy development or the expansion or modification of existing permitted energy activities.

Regulatory Improvements and Reforms

We are living in a transition to a new economy defined by global competition and demand and rapid technological change. These demands also drive environmental change. For example domestic energy demands have led to the doubling of permitted natural gas wells in Kentucky during the past seven years. Kentucky's Energy Policy should be responsive to energy demands and its impact on the environment and commit to the goal of continuous environmental improvement through the periodic evaluation of program performance and needs. Such an assessment can lead to regulatory improvements and reforms to address environmental concerns as well as unnecessary or burdensome requirements.

Investing in Clean Energy Technologies



In 2003, the U.S. announced it will fund a 10-year, \$1 billion demonstration project to create the world's first coal-based, zero-emissions electricity and hydrogen power plant.

With coal prices now back to \$50 to \$60 a ton, increased production will likely continue to occur. EQC sees this as an opportunity for Kentucky to invest in clean coal technologies and improved mining methods that reduce environmental impacts.

Economic development and job growth opportunities also exist through:

- New biomass energy "cash crops" for farmers, and
- Increased jobs and business for manufacturers of energy efficiency and alternative energy products.

A Kentucky Energy Policy should encourage research, incentives and coalitions to channel private and public sector financial resources to support innovative technologies that will optimize Kentucky's energy sector and minimize environmental impact. A long-term investment strategy that targets energy development opportunities is key to creating a vibrant state energy economy.

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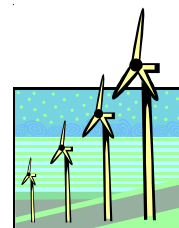
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Supporting Renewable Energy Sources

Less than 2 percent of Kentucky's electricity comes from renewable resources. A Kentucky Energy Policy should promote a diverse energy portfolio for our state. Kentucky should establish energy efficiency and renewable energy goals and develop strategies including regulatory reform initiatives, wider application of net-metering programs, tax incentives and support for development of a renewable fuels industry in the state.



The strategy should also focus on promoting green communities by supporting incentives to encourage building and development projects that include funding for open space conservation and urban forestry which can serve as natural cooling areas while improving air quality in urban areas. The Energy policy can also encourage the design and construction of energy-efficient and environmentally friendly "green buildings" through financial incentives, technical assistance and related program initiatives. Several states have enacted tax credits to support green buildings, which, among other things, increase energy efficiency, improve indoor air quality and promote the use of recycled materials and wood resulting from sustainable forestry practices.

Responsive to Global Concerns



The Kentucky Energy Policy should be responsive to international energy markets as well as technologies and solutions that will improve the global environment. The Kentucky Energy Policy should commit to a statewide goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through a state program that allows businesses to enter into voluntary agreements to meet certain energy efficiency targets and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To assist businesses in meeting such voluntary agreements, the state should consider offering technical assistance, public recognition and financial incentives, as appropriate or necessary.

Encourage Public Participation

EQC strongly supports a Kentucky Energy Policy that provides for public input and participation throughout the decision-making process. The Kentucky Energy Policy should provide for public participation early in the process by developing adequate public outreach and educational programs for energy development projects. EQC also recommends that the Energy Task Force provide an opportunity for all Kentuckians to review and comment on the draft Kentucky Energy Policy.

The Environmental Quality Commission is a seven-member citizen board that advises officials on environmental matters, provides a public forum for the discussion of issues and monitors environmental conditions. The Environmental Quality Commission welcomes your input.

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EQC Issues Recommendations on Public Involvement in Environmental Decisions

The Environmental Quality Commission has long served as a forum to promote public discussion and involvement in environmental decisions. On Nov. 16, EQC passed a resolution to strengthen public involvement in state decisions. The resolution has been submitted to the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet for consideration.

WHEREAS, protecting human health and the environment are among the fundamental missions of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC); and

WHEREAS, in accomplishing this mission it is imperative that the EPPC seek and consider a full range of views and opinions from the public;

WHEREAS, EQC held a public meeting on August 18, 2004 and invited state and local government officials and public interest groups to review public participation needs and issues in state environmental decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the EQC recognizes that there are many avenues for public participation in environmental decision making, including the formal regulatory hearing process as well as more of a participatory approach including direct negotiations and ongoing interactions between those who generate the hazards and those who experience the risks; and

WHEREAS, government officials have recently undertaken several initiatives Brownfield Task Force, The West Jefferson County Community Task Force, the Black Water Task Force and the Air Toxics Workgroup to promote public input in the development of environmental policies; and

WHEREAS, the EQC commends these efforts and believes that environmental decision-making in Kentucky should be conducted in a transparent manner, that the public should be informed and involved early on when planning or decision-making begins and that the public be kept informed throughout the decision-making process in a timely and effective manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION:

THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET (EPPC):

1) Provide for more consistent and timely information concerning **permit and enforcement actions** throughout the environmental decision-making process including:

- The posting of **all** draft and final air, water, waste and coal mining permits on the EPPC web site.
- The posting of **all** Notices of Violation and final enforcement actions on the EPPC web site.

2) Develop a **Public Participation Plan** to ensure environmental decisions are sound and based on sufficient public input and involvement. A proactive public participation policy and plan should support stakeholder involvement by providing for the free flow of information to and from all interested parties, as well as identifying and considering stakeholder concerns. Key goals of this policy should include:

- Provide for transparent management, which generates support from the public and minimizes the potential for political influence,
- Increase public knowledge and input to improve the quality of environmental management.
- Promote and undertake early public participation processes.
- Adopt procedures for negotiated rule-making.
- Improve the substantive quality and sustainability of environmental decisions.
- Incorporate public values into environmental decisions.
- Increase cost effectiveness by reducing conflict and litigation.
- Generate a spirit of trust among the state, the public and businesses.

3) Establish an ongoing public **two-way communication process** that provides information in a manner comprehensible to the lay person; ensures response to questions and concerns in a timely fashion; and takes public concerns into account when final decisions are made through the use of public participation tools and activities including:

- Workshops, forums and training sessions.
- E-mail list serves.
- Briefings, informational meetings, question and answer sessions.
- Surveys, polls, and joint fact finding studies.
- Electronic bulletin boards.
- Focus groups.
- Web sites.

To view other EQC recommendations visit www.eqc.ky.gov

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EQC Commissioners review toxic pollutant issues at its May public meeting.



EQC Commissioner Gordon Garner presents the EQC Children's Environmental Health report at Shelby Elementary in Louisville.



EQC Roundtable on the Future of Kentucky's Forests invited 65 experts from across the state to discuss forestry issues and needs.

EQC 2004 Meetings Focus on Public Concerns

The EQC meetings during the past year focused on a number of environmental challenges and public concerns including:

- Children's Environmental Health
- Green Schools
- Toxics and Mercury
- Kentucky's Forests
- Environmental Decision-Making
- Martin Co. Slurry Spill

EQC Reports on Environmental Trends

The EQC continued to produce reports to assess environmental trends and issues in Kentucky using data and input from experts from across the state. The EQC trends reports during 2004 included:

- Children's Environmental Health in Kentucky
- State of Kentucky's Forest Resources

EQC Issues Consensus Recommendations

The Commission issued a number of policy and regulatory recommendations to the Governor and other state officials during 2004 including:

Policy Recommendations

- Children's Health Partnership.
- Mercury in the Environment: Public Education and Testing
- Martin County Coal Slurry Spill: Citizen Technical Assistance
- Reduction of Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxics
- Improving Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making.

Review of State Regulatory Rules

- Brownfield regulations.
- Antidegradation standard
- Wastewater amendments
- Noncoal rules.
- Waste grant/recycler registration.
- Water quality standards.
- Drinking water amendments.
- New source and environmental performance standards

EQC Builds Awareness, Promotes Positive Actions

The EQC worked to promote environmental awareness and positive actions throughout 2004 including the following activities:

- Earth Day Ceremony honoring the efforts of 10 Kentuckians.
- Coordinator for statewide earth day events.
- Distribution of the EQC 2000-2001 State of Environment trends reports to all high school libraries and science teachers.
- The bimonthly EQC newsletter was distributed to 7,000 subscribers.
- 101,000 individuals accessed the EQC web site and staff responded to 181 inquiries and complaints.

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EQC Vice-Chair Betsy Bennett seeks input at EQC Forestry Roundtable.



EQC Chair Lindell Ormsbee and commission members meet with EPPC Secretary LaJuana Wilcher to discuss environmental issues.

2005 Agenda Focuses on Cooperative Solutions

The EQC has identified its priorities for 2005. The 2005 agenda includes the following:

Forum Topics

- Targeting Toxic Pollutants in Kentucky
- Coal Mining Priorities and Actions
- Kentucky's Energy Future
- Sustainable Forestry Actions

Partnerships

- Reducing Impaired Waterways in Kentucky
 - EQC workgroup on TMDL improvements
- Children's Environmental Health
 - Partnership and actions
- Green Schools in Kentucky

Public Outreach

- EQC Earth Day Award Ceremony on Sustainable Communities

Research

- Environmental Market Opportunities in Kentucky
 - Survey of local economic development officials
 - EQC Policy Paper
 - A Statewide Dialogue
- Recycling and Waste Reduction: Market and Policy Opportunities for Kentucky

To comment on these priorities and issues contact EQC at EQC@ky.gov

EQC Meeting Announcement ***Targeting Toxic Pollutants in Kentucky***

January 27, 2004 ♦ 2 p.m. - 4 p.m

Room 113, Capitol Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky

The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission will discuss strategies underway to address toxic pollutants in the state. EQC will also review responses to its recommendations concerning mercury, air toxics and persistent bioaccumulative toxic pollutants.

Visit the EQC Web site at www.eqc.ky.gov for agenda updates.

All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. The public is encouraged to attend EQC meetings and offer comments. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.